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RESOLUTION NO. 63-08

BY: **THOMAS REGAS**

A RESOLUTION SUPPORTING THE
EXPANSION OF OHIO'S "SAFE HAVEN" LAW,
AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

WHEREAS, this bill will extend the time period to drop off a baby to a designated location – no questions asked – from the current 72 hours to 144 hours after childbirth; and,

WHEREAS, it also requires that students learn about "safe haven" as part of their high school health curriculum; and,

WHEREAS, the Ohio Department of Job and Family Services stated 54 newborns have been surrendered since Ohio's law became effective in 2001;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PARMA, STATE OF OHIO:

Section 1. That this Council hereby supports the expansion of Ohio's "Safe Haven" Law.

Section 2. That the Clerk of Council be, and he hereby is, directed to forward a certified copy of this Resolution to Senator Dale Miller; and Representative Timothy DeGeeter.

Section 3. That it is found and determined that all formal actions of this Council concerning and relating to the adoption of this Resolution were adopted in an open meeting of this Council, and that all deliberations of this Council and any of its committees that resulted in such formal action were in meetings open to the public in compliance with all legal requirements.

Section 4. That this Resolution is hereby declared to be an emergency measure necessary for the immediate preservation of the public health, safety and welfare of the City of Parma, and for the further reason that this measure is necessary for the safety of children and due to upcoming hearings on this issue, and this Resolution shall become immediately effective upon receiving the affirmative vote of two-thirds of all members elected to Council and approval of the Mayor, otherwise from and after the earliest period allowed by law.

PASSED: _____
PRESIDENT OF COUNCIL

ATTEST: _____ APPROVED: _____
CLERK OF COUNCIL

FILED WITH
THE MAYOR: _____
MAYOR, CITY OF PARMA, OHIO